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## SWAN L. BURNETT

**The Apostle of Fun and Frolic is Missed**

**KNOWN OVER EAST TENN.**

**Moved to Newport From Del Rio About one Year ago—Was Brother of Ed. C. Burnett and Mrs. Geo. F. Smith of Newport.**

After a period of broken health tending over several years and culminating in collapse, Swan L. Burnett ceased his earthly pilgrimage on the 6th day of May at the age of 66 years. His death marks the passing of one of East Tennessee's most unique, most generous and most lovable characters. The story of his life would make volume full of incidents which appeal to the sense of humor and awaken in human nature those impulses which make men forget their ills in the joy of living. He seems to have been born in harmony with the laughing side of nature. This dominating trait began to manifest itself in early childhood and many are the ranks which he played on his brothers and sisters and the hired hands, nor did it fail him in the prime of manhood or even in the years of physical infirmity.

During his business career many incidents are related which not only provoked much mirth in his home community but gave him a reputation over all East Tennessee as an author of fun. Even in his last days when mortality was slowly asserting its claim and the brain was too feeble to take note of external things, he would laugh and when asked the cause would try to relate some amusing incident. Though the over of fun and the author of many practical jokes, it may be said of him that he was sympathetic and kind and was never prompted by malice or ill will.

He was the second son of the late James M. Burnett of Cocke county and was born Oct. 28th, 1847, in his father's old home on the banks of the French Broad river. He died at Newport, to which place he had moved from Del Rio about one year ago.

It is comforting to his loved ones that he did not appear to suffer during his last illness, but gently and without a noticeable struggle "fell asleep."

Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church by his cousin and former pastor, Dr. Jesse M. Burnett, president of Carson-Newman College. His burial was in the Union cemetery of this city, where a large number of relatives and friends gathered to see the dear body laid away by the side of loved ones who had gone on before him.

He leaves a wife and his adopted son, Little Berry, stricken with grief at his passing away, besides a number of brothers and sisters who mourn the loss of an affectionate brother.

His brothers are Joe J., Jas. H. Burnett, of Del Rio, and Ed. C. Burnett of Newport. Sisters, Mesdames D. K. Rowe and Geo. F. Smith of Newport, Mrs. Wm. G. Taylor of Morristown, Mrs. Sue B. Baer of Knoxville and Mrs. D. L. Lawson of Washington, D. C.

He made a profession of religion and united with the Baptist church in his young manhood and throughout his life, though deeply conscious of his own frailties, he was loyal to his Savior and loved his church. In his late years especially, he derived great comfort and joy from reading his Bible. He kept it by his bedside

and it was his companion in the night time when beautiful sleep was denied him.

He was a young man of splendid physique and robust health and was regarded as a man of fine business parts. He was energetic, enterprising and self confident. His business enterprises were usually successful and until his health was seriously impaired he was quite prosperous.

All who knew him intimately will testify that he possessed a superior intellectual endowment and might have distinguished himself in any professional field that he may have chosen.

He was a man of generous and kindly nature and was ever ready to help his unfortunate friends who appealed to him for assistance. His associates, generally, will sadly feel the loss of good cheer which he so liberally dispensed and those more closely related will grieve for the loss of one whose life was tenderly linked to their own by the cords of affection and love.

## Del Rio

Miss Edith Huff of Parrottsville, route one, who has been attending school at Mars Hill, N. C., returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ruble of Newport, spent Sunday here with Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruble.

Mrs. J. W. Justus spent several days last week at Newport.

Mrs. L. L. Gott has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Warren at Candler, N. C.

Mrs. T. S. Runnion and daughters, Grace, Phyllis and Isabella visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Runnion at Wolf Creek last week.

William Willis was here one day last week on his way to Kington, Tenn., to visit relatives. He has been spending some time at Asheville, N. C., visiting his daughter, Mrs. Etta Rector.

Ralph Burnett of Morristown, and Horace Burnett, who is attending school at Jefferson City, visited homefolks the last of the week.

Mrs. Dr. Seay of Newport, has been visiting in this community for several days.

Mrs. L. R. Gains is at Newport visiting friends.

It is with sorrow we note the passing of Mr. Swan L. Burnett, who died at his home in Newport after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Burnett was born and reared in this district and resided here until one year ago when he moved to Newport, but since his removal he often visited here, he was here the day he became seriously ill. He was the second son of Mr. James and Mrs. Caroline Huff Burnett. He was born Oct. 27, 1847, married Miss Ellen Stokely, daughter of Charles Stokely, Sr., in the year 1872. Died May 6th, 1914. His remains were interred in the Union cemetery at Newport May 7th, after funeral services in the Baptist church, which were conducted by the Rev. O'Hara, pastor of the church, and Rev. Jesse Burnett of Jefferson City.

A large concourse of friends and relatives from here and surrounding neighborhood attended the funeral. His brothers who survive are: James and Joe Burnett of this place, C. Edward Burnett of Newport. His sisters: are Mrs. Mary Rowe and Mrs. Maggie Smith of Newport, Mrs. Eva Taylor of Morristown, Mrs. Sue Baer of Knoxville and Mrs. Laura Lawson of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Burnett's jovial disposition and pranks of merriment will long be remembered by his many friends who shared his pleasure.

More than forty thousand Americans live in London.

## HARLAN WILSON KILLED.

**Son of Sam Wilson of Cosby Shot to Death in N. C.**

**LEAVES WIFE AND 3 CHILDREN**

**Shotgun and Rifle Duel Sunday Afternoon Between Lumberjacks at Rosman—Other Cocke County Men Wounded**

The body of Harlan Wilson reached Newport Monday morning from Rosman, N. C., where he was shot through the head on Sunday and died within a short time after the shooting. Wilson met death in a battle in which two factions of mountaineers participated Sunday shortly after the noon hour. He left Newport a short while ago for Transylvania county and was employed at a saw mill near Rosman. With him were Claude Valentine and Isaac Benson, neighbors. Wilson and his friends met another party of woodmen in the forest and it is said all were drinking when some trouble arose. Wilson it seems was unarmed and received abuse from the opposing faction. He walked a distance of four or five miles and armed himself with a Springfield rifle and in company with his friends, went back in search of the other fellows. When the men met they began firing at each other at a distance of about a hundred and forty yards. After firing three shots Wilson fell with a mortal wound, a buckshot having passed through his head. He lived about three hours. Valentine and Benson were also wounded, but their wounds were slight. Several No. 3 shot were picked from the face and bodies of each by Dr. Delozier after they reached Newport. Benson and Valentine were armed with shotguns and they claim members of the opposing faction were wounded. Colman Hall and a man by the name of Shelton were arrested and tried before a magistrate on the charge of killing Wilson and were bound to court. They entered a plea of self-defense and were released on bond.

Harlan Wilson was thirty-two years of age and a son of Sam Wilson of Cosby. He leaves a widow and three children. The body was taken to Jones Cove and laid beside other members of the family in the Huff cemetery.

## Church Dedication

The New Salem Baptist church house will be dedicated the 5th Sunday in May, 1914, at Jones' Cove. The sermon will be preached by Rev. J. W. O'Hara of Newport at 10:30 a. m. At 12 o'clock dinner will be served on the ground. Rev. Will Weaver of Allen's Grove will preach in the afternoon. Everybody cordially invited.

J. B. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

## Mrs. Caroline McMahan Dead

At the home of Mrs. Rena McMahan in Eastport on last Sunday morning, Mrs. Caroline McMahan departed this life. She was the widow of Willis McMahan and was seventy-six years of age. Albert, Robert and William McMahan are her sons. She had been a member of the Baptist church for fifty years and was a lovable character. She was known and loved by many of the older people of Cocke and adjoining counties. A daughter of A. J. Spurgeon of Greene county, she moved to Sevier county with her parents when a child and was reared at Jones' Cove, where she

met and married Willis McMahan. She moved to Cocke county in 1875 and lived in and near Newport since that time. For many years Mrs. McMahan had lived with her son Albert, but recently went on a visit to her friend and was there seized with indigestion, which was the immediate cause of death, although she had been in feeble health for several months. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bennett Holt and interment made in the Union cemetery.

## Naillon News.

Farmers have been behind with their work, but are about up now. Wheat is looking fine and the prospect for fruit is good.

Mrs. Louis Smith, who went to Knoxville last Thursday and was operated upon for tumor, was sent back home in a coffin the day following.

It was rumored at the church last Sunday that moonshine liquor was being made near the church. A deputy sheriff summoned two or three men and after a search located a still within a half mile of the church. It is time our citizens stood together in an effort to prohibit this kind of law violation. The law should be enforced against all alike.

Joe Rains left last week for Toms Creek, Va., where he will be employed in a coal mine.

The smallpox is still raging. Wm. Henderson is very low at this writing and is not expected to live. He is a civil war soldier.

Miss Winnie Ford of Crestmont, N. C., is visiting homefolks here. Miss Ellen Ford has been quite sick, but is better.

## High School Notes

Nelle Rowe has been absent from school a few days the past week.

While the High school is preparing for examination the primary department is practicing its songs and other commencement exercises.

Tuesday was the last library day. We have had quite a successful year of it. We collected .40 in fines.

We had a beautiful moth up here today. One of the High school girls brought it to school. It was very large and beautifully colored. The ninth grade intends to chloroform and mount it to be used in Biology.

Today (Wednesday) will be history examination for the tenth and eleventh grades. Come on ye warriors, patriots, conquerors, invaders, kings, queens and dictators and aid us as ye aided your countries in the days of yore!

Nannie Stanberry was absent the latter part of last week.

## OLD MAID CLUB PLAY TO BE REPEATED

For the benefit of the M. E. Sunday School and by special request the play will be repeated on next Thursday night and it was such a great success that we think it will have an audience even larger than before. They have decided to make the admission only 15 and 20 cents and no charge for reserve seats. To be given at opera house.

## Card of Thanks

To all relatives and friends who attended my husband in his last sickness and death and administered so kindly to him, I desire to return my heartfelt thanks. It is the bestowal of such acts of kindness that help much in enabling us to bear such burdens.

MRS. SWAN L. BURNETT.

Springtime seems to hyve come, Gentle Annie.

## GRAND VIEW AGAIN OPEN

**Dr. Masters and Patients Back From Port Orange.**

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

**Dr. Masters the Only Physician in U. S. Who Has Prepared Winter and Summer Home For Patients.**

On last Wednesday Dr. J. M. Masters, with his patients, returned from his winter institution which is located at Port Orange, Florida. For twenty-five years Dr. Masters has been engaged in the treatment of tuberculosis. The result of his long work has been the establishment of two institutions devoted to the care of tubercular patients. Grand View Sanitarium are among the best known in the United States. The success which has been attained in the cure of tuberculosis at these institutions is well known in this section and throughout the country. Patients from every state have recovered from this dreaded disease at Grand View. Dr. Masters is the only physician in the United States who has provided a winter and summer home for these people where they can have the advantage of a perfect climate during the entire year. Not many men would have had the courage or the welfare of their patients so much at heart as to make this extraordinary provision for them. The benefits offered to those suffering from tuberculosis by this system of institutions is proven by the large percentage of recoveries.

Dr. Masters began this work many years ago at his home in Knoxville, taking patients into his own residence where he had them under complete control and demonstrating that by constant care and proper treatment most cases can be cured. Fifteen years ago the doctor came to Newport and established Grand View Sanitarium where the work has constantly grown to its present proportions. Some years ago, realizing the benefits of a mild and regular climate he established a second institution in Florida, where he takes his patients for the winter. This change has proven even more helpful than was thought possible.

The importance of Dr. Masters' work cannot be estimated and this section should feel proud of the fact that such an institution is one of its prominent enterprises. Dr. Masters has also perfected a system of education and training at his Sanitarium where patients unable to remain in the institution until well can go and learn how to carry out home management and get well. This is a very important advance as it will give to many the advantage of scientific attention which they otherwise could not secure. One or two months at the Sanitarium given to treatment and instructions will enable the patient to return home and complete the cure. During the past two years, since this system has been developed, a number of patients have recovered who could not possibly have staid in the Sanitarium for treatment. There are many people in Cocke county who should take up this course with Dr. Masters. Too many of our own people are dying from tuberculosis, when, by proper treatment, they can be cured. An instance of this kind is taken from the Lake Alfred, Fla., news, published in the Tampa, Morning Tribune:

"Mrs. A. M. Bavier, who for several months has been under treatment for tuberculosis at the Grand View Sanitarium, Port Orange, Fla., is visiting her brother, C. C. Bavier. Mrs. Bavier's local friends will be glad to learn that she has fully recovered from her trouble. After a short stay here Mrs. Bavier expects to join her husband at Torrington, Conn."

It is to be hoped that a general awakening on this subject will occur throughout this section.

## To The Public.

I take this method of thanking the mayor and aldermen of Newport, the people and public at large, for the interest shown in helping me to secure a franchise to carry on an electric light, heat and power business, and also to thank those who have been generous in enabling me to secure water rights and a power line into the town. I feel that with the completion of the plant I will be able to furnish power to new enterprises which will result in much benefit to the town and country at large. From the time I came into your midst the people have extended a helping hand, they are still doing so, and I appreciate it more than I can express and during the years to come I hope to be able to demonstrate that I am worthy of the favors which have been conferred upon me. Yours very truly,  
CHAS. S. GOUGHNOUR.  
May 9th, 1914.

J. K. Drinnon, brother of Dave Drinnon, local manager of the East Tennessee telephone exchange, writes from Farr, Colo., where he has been stationed with the soldiers guarding the mine strikers, that there has been many miners killed and that they are "Bohunks" of the lowest type, who pile their dead in heaps, saturate them with oil and burn them, making it impossible to tell exactly how many are killed. He says he doesn't know how the papers are giving it to us here, but two or three weeks of genuine h—was experienced by both strikers and soldiers.

The residence of W. Y. Murphy came near being destroyed by fire on last Friday. A defective kitchen flue was responsible for the flame, which was discovered by neighbors before it had gained much headways or done extensive damage.

Sam Chilton, who has been unable to call on his trade for several weeks on account of a broken leg was in Newport Tuesday.

A Mexican mob attempted to burn a train loaded with American refugees.

Funny, isn't it, that the man who lives beyond his means is always behind?

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